



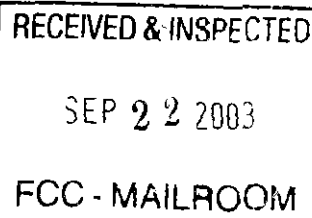
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September 12, 2003

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12th Street SW  
Room TW-B204  
Washington, DC 20554

Attention: Ms. Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary

RE: USF Certification - FCC Docket No. 96-45

Enclosed for filing in FCC Docket No. 96-45 is an affidavit certifying that all universal service support will only be used by the undersigned carrier for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

The undersigned carrier has also filed this Affidavit with the North Dakota Public Service Commission, and it is anticipated that the North Dakota Public Service Commission will also certify by October 1, 2003 that the undersigned carrier will only use said universal service support for its intended purpose. However, because of the importance of this issue, and the fast-approaching certification deadline of October 1, 2003, the undersigned carrier is also providing certification directly to the Federal Communications Commission to ensure that the undersigned carrier continues to receive the universal service support for which it is eligible.

Sincerely,

Ray Brown  
President  
Griggs County Telephone Co.

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AFFIDAVIT OF GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

Ray G. Brown, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.

4 The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in Docket Number 96-45 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001 in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2004, and for all quarters thereafter.

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public switched network; (b) local usage; (c) dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent, (d) single-party service or its functional equivalent, (e) access to emergency services; (f) access to operator services; (g) access to interexchange service, (h) access to directory assistance; and (i) toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers

Dated this 12 <sup>September</sup> day of ~~August~~, 2003.

GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE  
COMPANY

By [Signature]  
Ray G. Brown  
Its. Manager

State of North Dakota     )  
  ) ss.  
County of Griggs            )

On this 12 <sup>sept</sup> day of ~~August~~, 2003, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared RAY G BROWN, known to me to be the Manager of GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

[Signature]  
Russ, Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: 11-20-07

AMY WATSON  
Notary Public  
State of North Dakota  
My Commission Expires Nov 21, 2007